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From Washington.
SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE N. Y. TRIBUNE.
From a Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1881.

Some sensation has been created here to-day by the report that a letter from a prominent friend of Judge Douglas, at St. Louis predicts his defeat in Illinois.

The Administration counted upon a gain of a member in Maine, certain, and strongly hoped for two more.

Though it is asserted that the President will make decisions himself in the cases of the retired Naval officers, it is known that he will be forced to rely for facts upon the briefs that will be furnished him by those to whom the cases have been referred.

The reasons that have dictated the postponement of the great land sales in Kansas as well as Nebraska, would seem sufficient to justify the supposition that some new policy in respect to public lands may be developed.

The State Department views in the proper light the high-handed conduct of the English and French Ministers, accredited to Venezuela.

There cannot be much doubt that Gov. Richardson will engage in the canvass in behalf of the Douglas.

Capt. Meigs has been a lion in the path of political gentlemen who could possibly be induced to turn a penny by business arrangements in respect to the Capitol extension. There is hope yet, hence the attacks upon him.

The bowie-knife of the Captain of the shore Echo has been sent hither. Inscribed upon it are these words:

"America, the land of the free and the home of the brave."

To the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1881.

The President has ordered the further postponement of the Kansas land sales till July next. The reason for this is stated to be the financial pressure in that country, and the consequent inability of settlers to prove up and pay for the preemption by the fixed by the proclamation, ordering the sales in November. The lands comprise three millions of acres.

The President has ordered the new land office about to be established in New-Mexico, to be located at Santa Fe.

Gen. Harney today received final orders, before leaving for the new military district of Oregon.

Lord Napier left to-day for the North.

Maine Election.

BANGOR, ME., Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1881.

One hundred and ninety-one towns give Hart 35,222 and the opposition 30,838, which indicates Republican majority in the State of nearly 10,000.

Kerr B. French, Republican, is elected to Congress in the 11th District by 28 majority, with one opponent to hear from, which will increase it probably to 40.

Foster, Republican, is undoubtedly elected in the 12th District, although the plantations of Van Burdawska and Hancock, in Aroostook County, go for Bradley, Democrat, 908 majority, which shows gain for Bradley in Aroostook, but not enough to cure his election.

Both branches of the Legislature are largely Republican.

From New-Mexico.

ST. LOUIS, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1881.

A dispatch from Independence of the 12th says that the New-Mexican mails dated Santa Fe on the 30th, reported that there was no doubt that a battle had been fought between the command of Major Brooks and the Navajo Indians.

The Indians have hitherto declared that they would not fight, and in case of their refusal to give up the murder of Major Brooks's negro, hounded braves, and destroying their wheat and corn fields, which, if done, would doubtless cause a collision between them and the troops.

The Indians have offered Major Brooks several thousand sheep and one thousand ponies to indemnify him for the loss of his negro. The Santa Fe Gazette in a long article, attempts to justify the Indians in their conduct.

Col. Sumner's command was passed at White Creek, moving slowly. There were no Indians seen on the Plains. The grange was still good.

Pennsylvania Politics.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1881.

The Democratic Congressional Conference of the 13th District balloted forty times for a candidate to-day, with the same results as heretofore. Leidy, the present incumbent, received four votes, and Leidy four. There is no prospect of a settlement of the caucus.

Lancaster Democratic Convention.

LANCASTER, PA., Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1881.

The Lancaster County Democratic Convention commenced this morning. Dr. J. K. Raab presided, and M. Hopkins was nominated for Congress by acclamation and great enthusiasm. He made a speech accepting the nomination, taking strong ground against sectional strife and Abolitionism, for the admission of Kansas with any population, and for such a tariff would put any furnace in bias.

New-Jersey Fair--Politics.

TRENTON, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1881.

The State Fair is now in full blast in Trenton, and is the most splendid exhibition known here of horticultural and manufactured articles. To-morrow is the grand day. Speeches will be made and premiums awarded on Friday.

Mr. James W. Wall was nominated for Congress at the Democratic Convention in the 11th District. Resolutions favor Popular Sovereignty and the admission of Kansas whenever she applies with a Republican Constitution, and are against the establishment of Quarantine on Sandy Hook and for protection of our men by general appropriation.

N. Y. State Agricultural College.

STRAUSE, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1881.

The Trustees of the New-York State Agricultural College, at Ovid, have located the buildings, and the contractors will immediately commence the work to-day.

Gov. King passed through this city on his way here to-day.

Yellow Fever at Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1881.

The Mayor reports three deaths here from yellow fever for the week ending Tuesday.

The Kansas Gold Mines.

ST. LOUIS, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1881.

Prominent gentlemen from the West fully corroborate the previous statements relative to the extent of rich gold workings in the region of Pike's Peak, and of Quarantine on Sandy Hook and City of New York, and other companies are being formed in view of all the towns in the Territory and along the Missouri River. Isaac Eaton, of the Kansas State Company, arrived here yesterday for the purpose of buying machinery and making the necessary arrangements to extend the stage line from Fort Riley to Pike's Peak.

St. Louis Steam Fire Department.

ST. LOUIS, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1881.

The first anniversary of the Steam Fire Department was celebrated yesterday by a grand parade of all the engines—seven in number—and a trial exhibition of each engine. The average time of raising steam was about six minutes. With the exception of one the engines are of 100 horse power, and of the same class. The whole affair was very creditable, both to the Department and the city.

Fire in the Baltimore Custom-House.

BALTIMORE, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1881.

A serious fire occurred in the Baltimore Custom-House before daylight this morning. It caught near the rear of the building, and spread rapidly, and in a few minutes the whole structure was in flames. The fire was extinguished by the Baltimore fire department, and the damage was not great.